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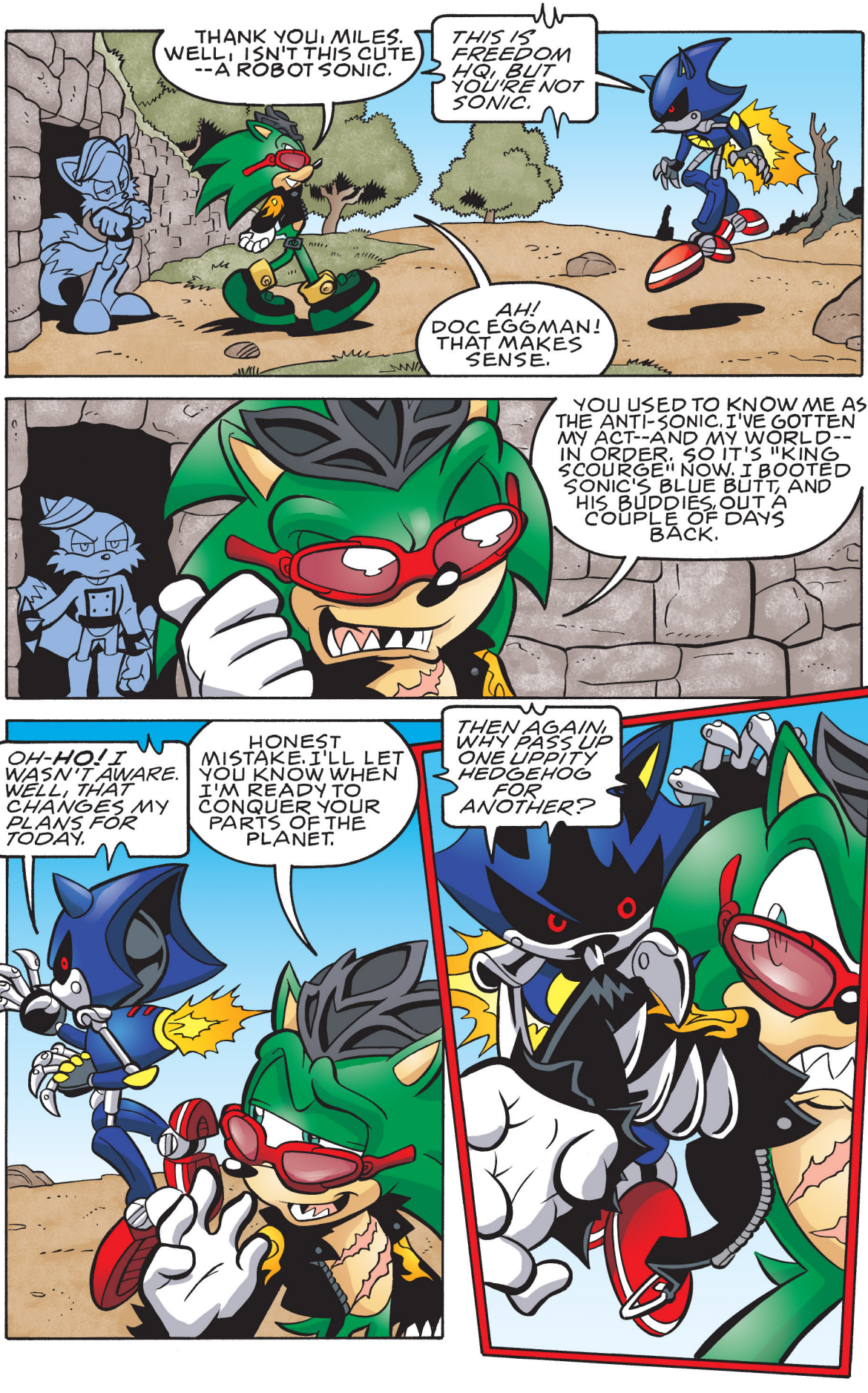
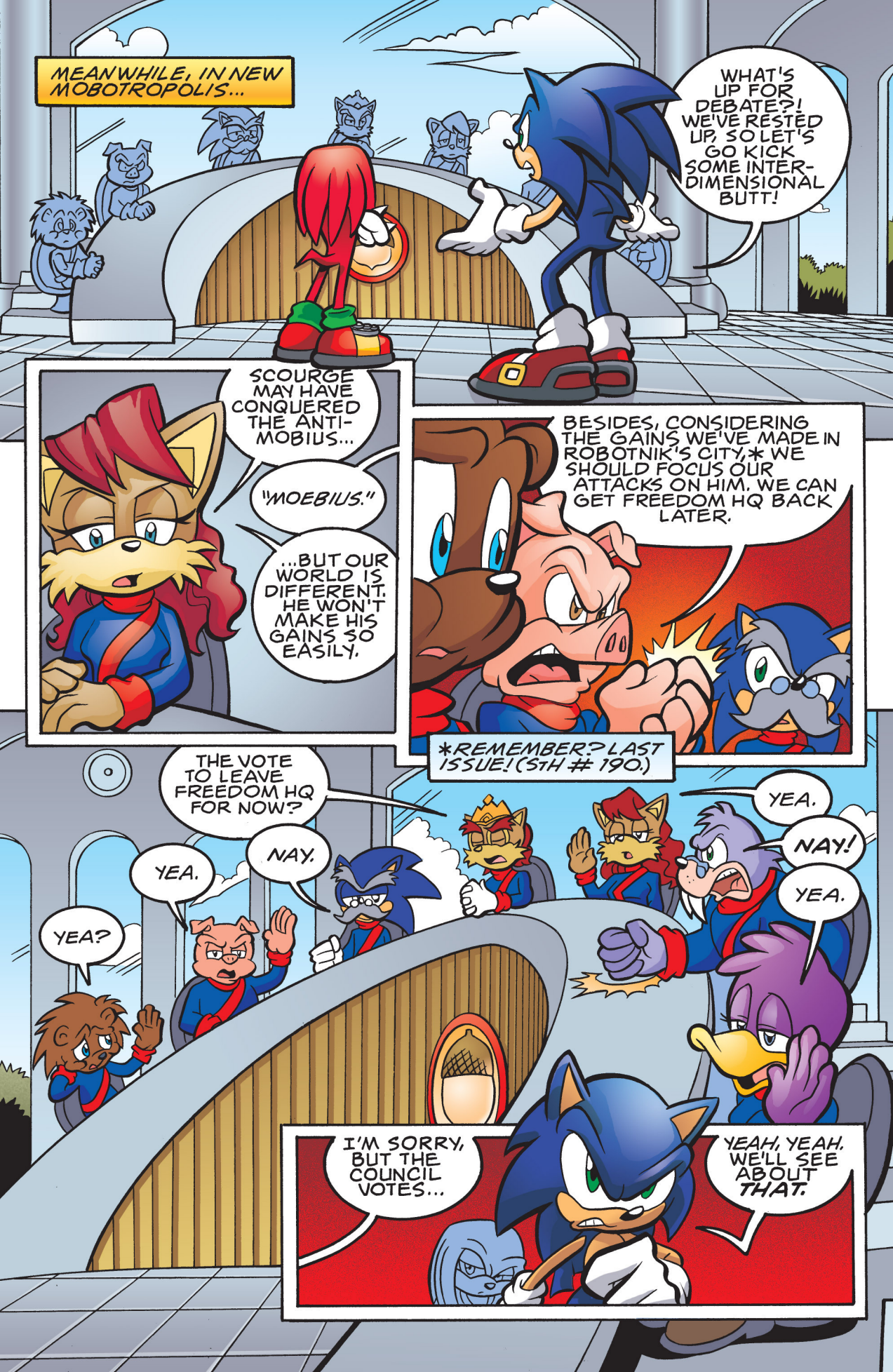
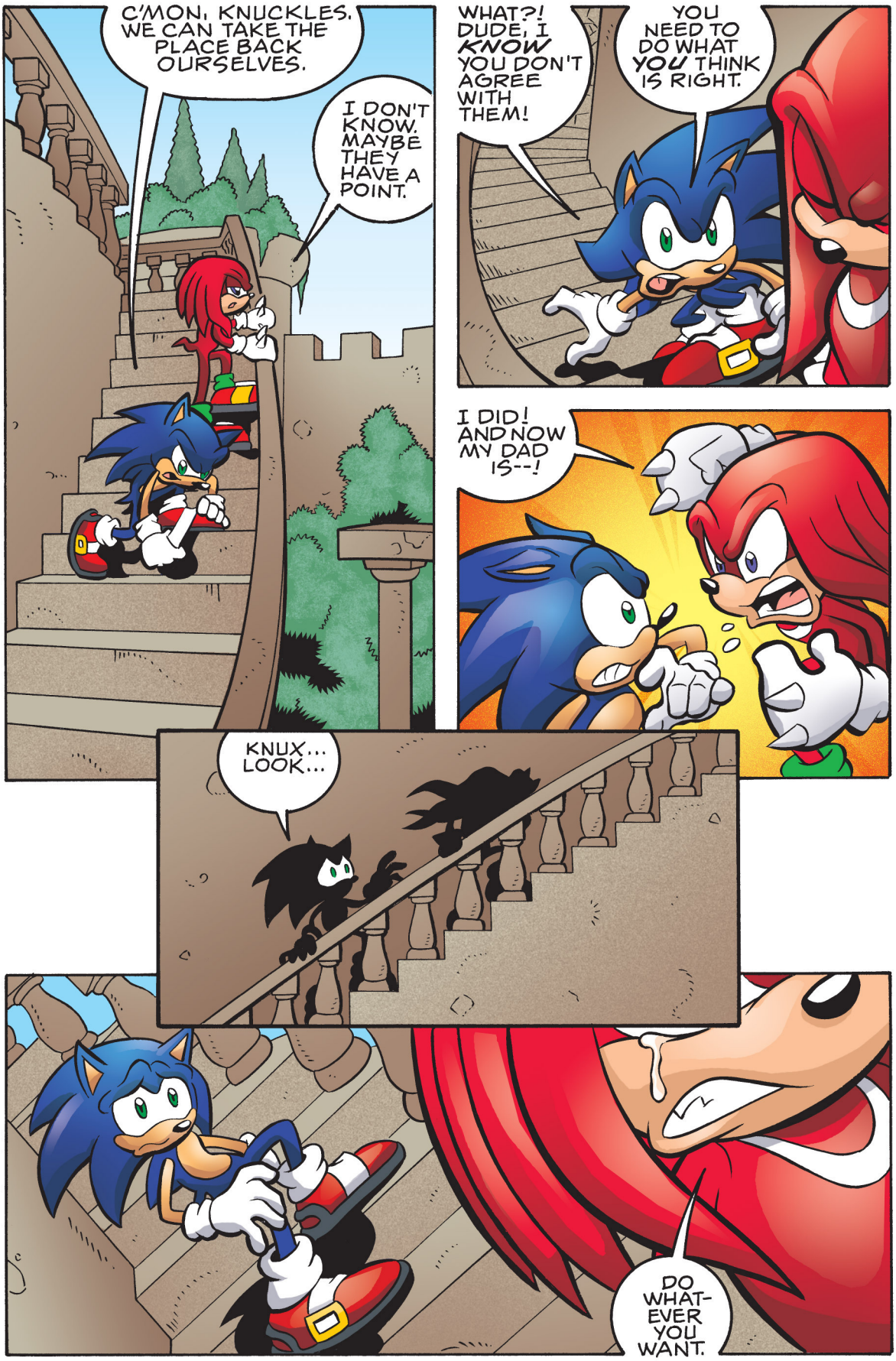
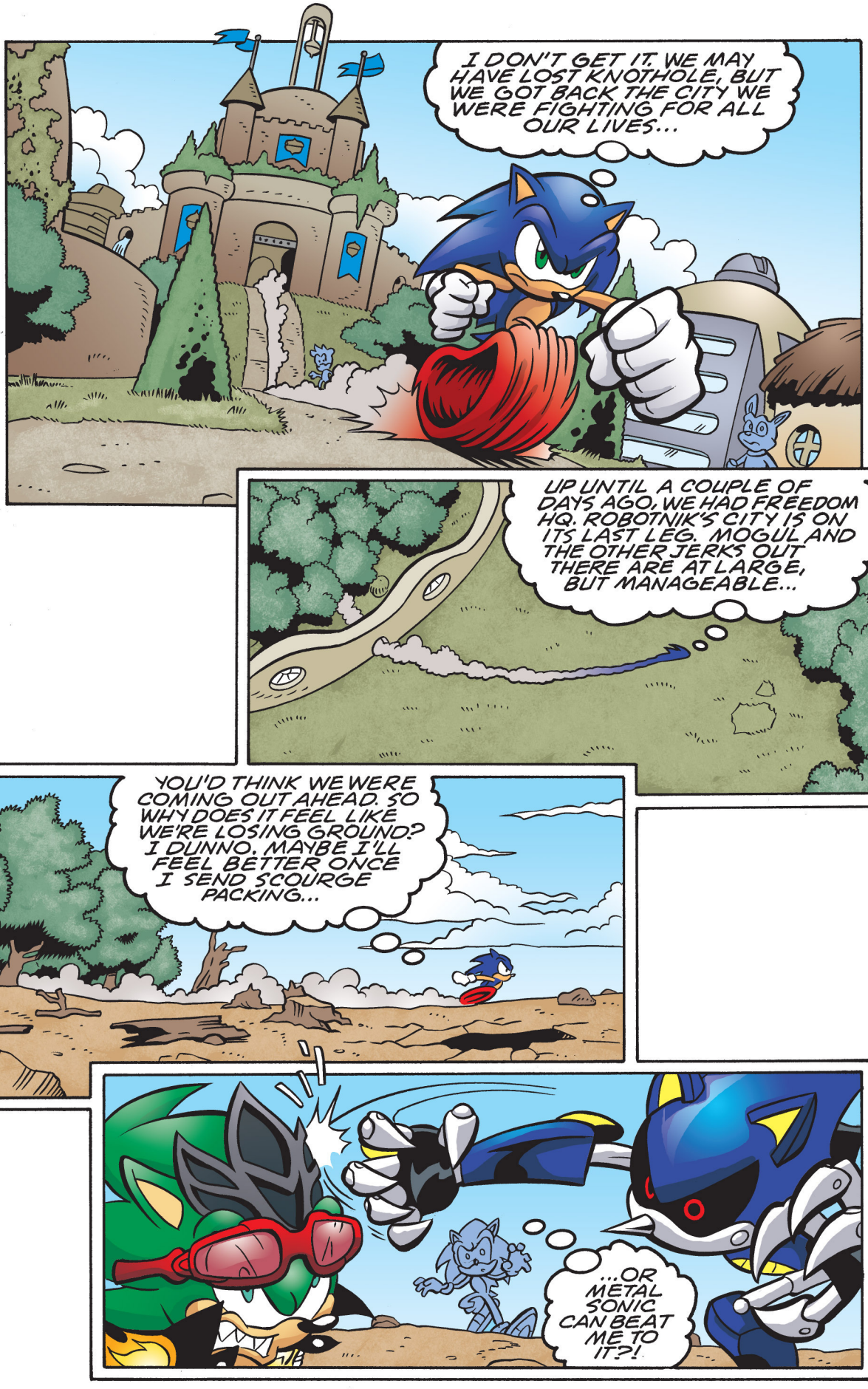
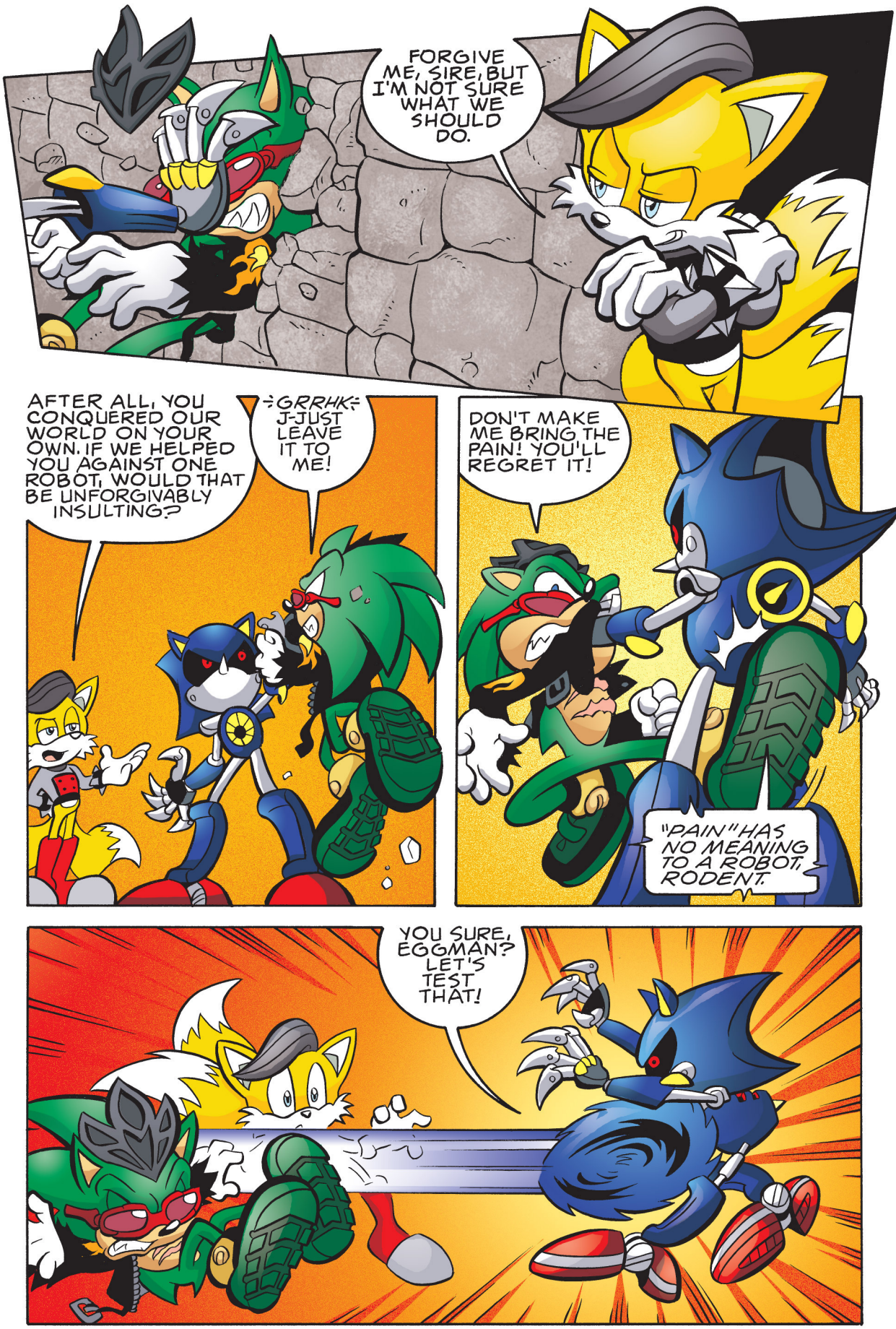
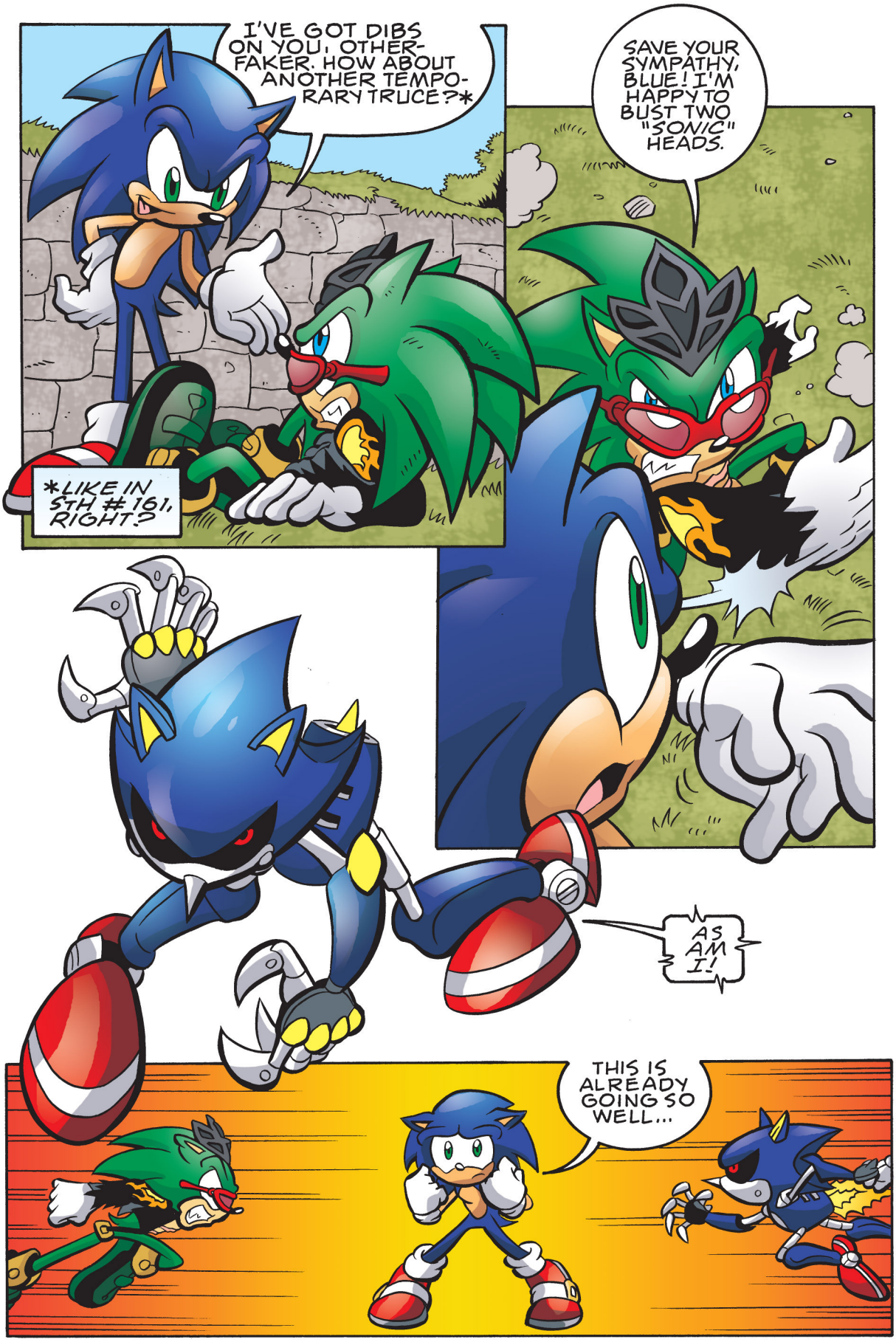

THANK YOU, MILES. WELL, ISN'T THIS CUTE --A ROBOT SONIC.
THIS IS FREEDOM HQ, BUT YOU'RE NOT SONIC.
AH! DOC EGGMAN! THAT MAKES SENSE.
YOU USED TO KNOW ME AS THE ANTI-SONIC. I'VE GOTTEN MY ACT--AND MY WORLD--IN ORDER. SO IT'S "KING SCOURGE" NOW. I BOOTED SONIC'S BLUE BUTT, AND HIS BUDDIES, OUT A COUPLE OF DAYS BACK.
OH-HO! I WASN'T AWARE. WELL, THAT CHANGES MY PLANS FOR TODAY.
HONEST MISTAKE. I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN I'M READY TO CONQUER YOUR PARTS OF THE PLANET.
THEN AGAIN, WHY PASS UP ONE UPPITY HEDGEHOG FOR ANOTHER?

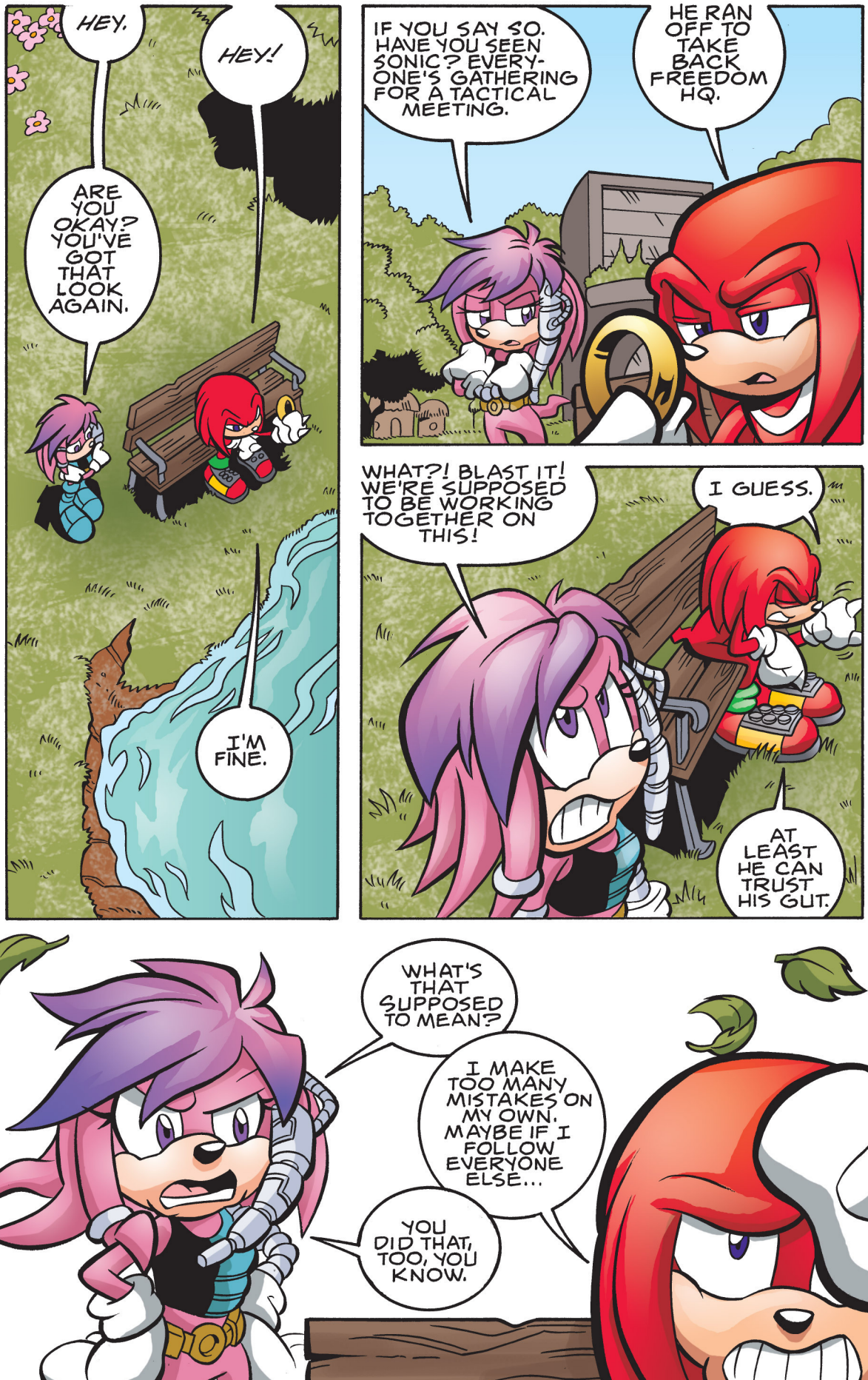

MEANWHILE, IN NEW MOBOTROPOLIS...
WHAT'S UP FOR DEBATE?! WE'VE RESTED UP, SO LET'S GO KICK SOME INTER-DIMENSIONAL BUTT!
SCOURGE MAY HAVE CONQUERED THE ANTI-MOBIUS...
"MOEBIUS."
...BUT OUR WORLD IS DIFFERENT. HE WON'T MAKE HIS GAINS SO EASILY.
BESIDES, CONSIDERING THE GAINS WE'VE MADE IN ROBOTNIK'S CITY,* WE SHOULD FOCUS OUR ATTACKS ON HIM. WE CAN GET FREEDOM HQ BACK LATER.
*REMEMBER? LAST ISSUE! (STH # 190.)
THE VOTE TO LEAVE FREEDOM HQ FOR NOW?
YEA.
NAY.
YEA?
YEA.
NAY!
YEA.
I'M SORRY, BUT THE COUNCIL VOTES...
YEAH, YEAH. WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT.

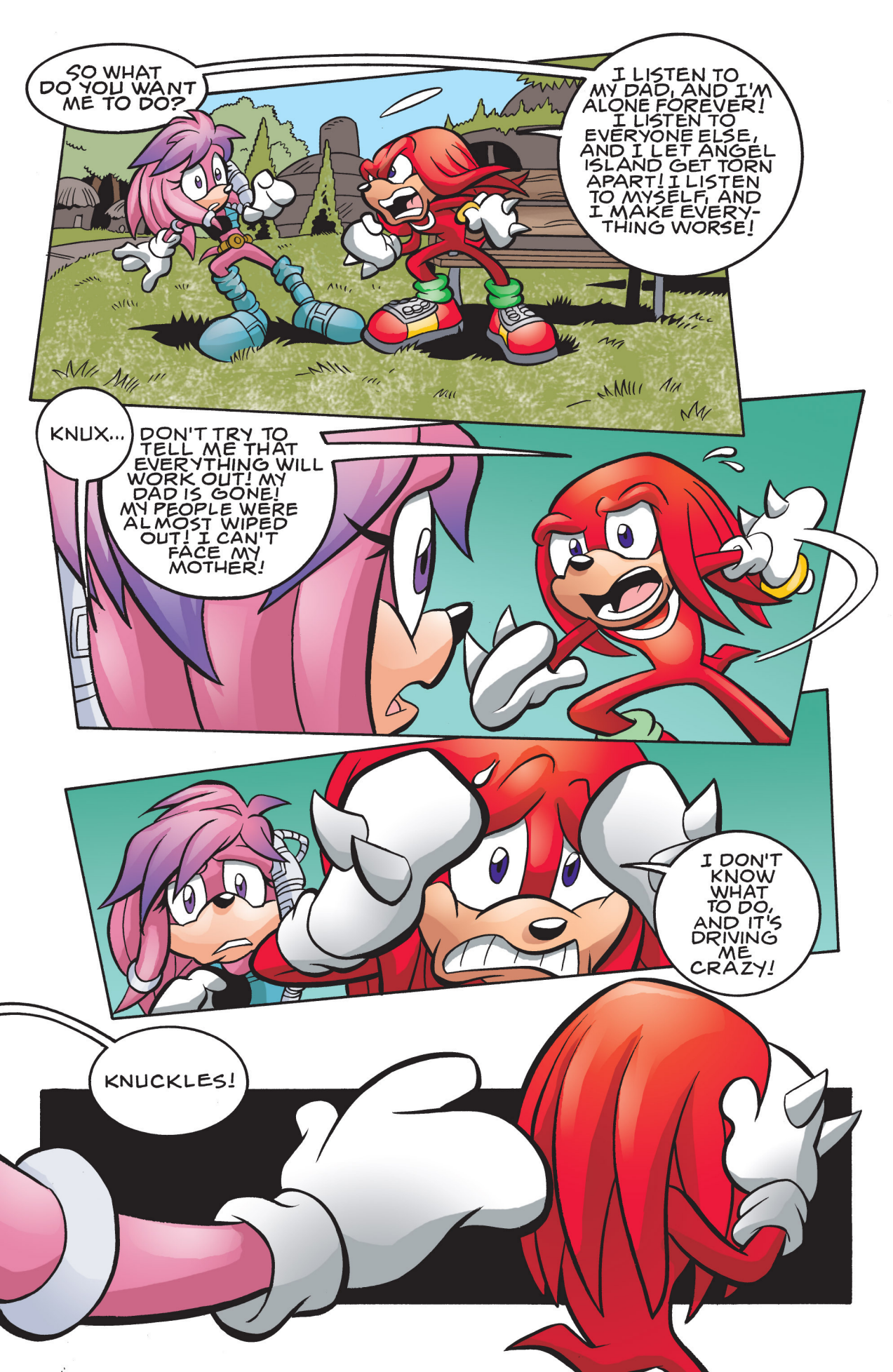

C'MON, KNUCKLES. WE CAN TAKE THE PLACE BACK OURSELVES.
I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE THEY HAVE A POINT.
WHAT?! DUDE, I KNOW YOU DON'T AGREE WITH THEM!
YOU NEED TO DO WHAT YOU THINK IS RIGHT.
I DID! AND NOW MY DAD IS--!
KNUX... LOOK...
DO WHAT-EVER YOU WANT.

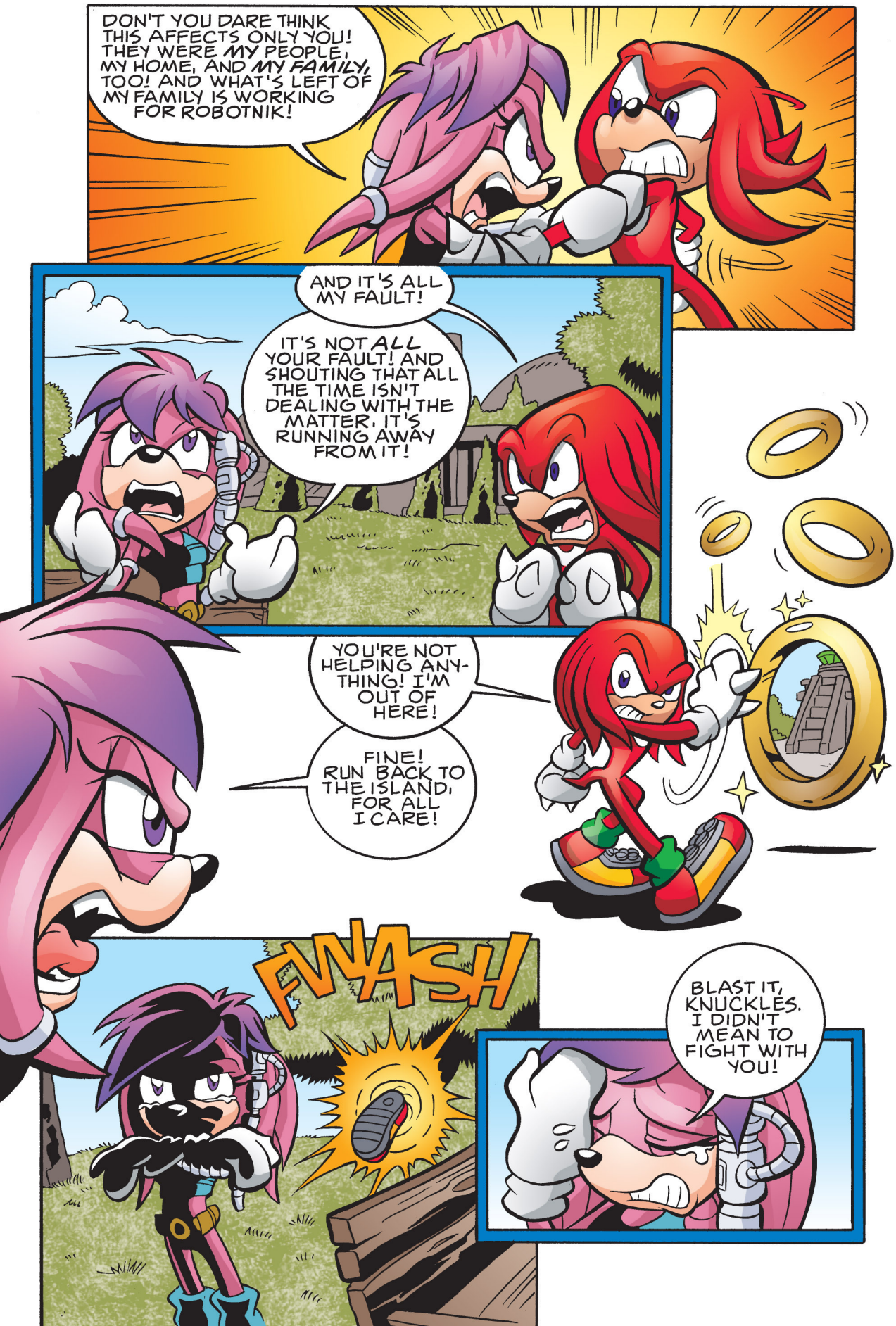

I DON'T GET IT. WE MAY HAVE LOST KNOTHOLE, BUT WE GOT BACK THE CITY WE WERE FIGHTING FOR ALL OUR LIVES...
UP UNTIL A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO, WE HAD FREEDOM HQ. ROBOTNIK'S CITY IS ON ITS LAST LEG. MOGUL AND THE OTHER JERKS OUT THERE ARE AT LARGE, BUT MANAGEABLE...
YOU'D THINK WE WERE COMING OUT AHEAD. SO WHY DOES IT FEEL LIKE WE'RE LOSING GROUND? I DUNNO. MAYBE I'LL FEEL BETTER ONCE I SEND SCOURGE PACKING...
...OR METAL SONIC CAN BEAT ME TO IT?!


FORGIVE ME, SIRE, BUT I'M NOT SURE WHAT WE SHOULD DO.
AFTER ALL, YOU CONQUERED OUR WORLD ON YOUR OWN. IF WE HELPED YOU AGAINST ONE ROBOT, WOULD THAT BE UNFORGIVABLY INSULTING?
÷GRRHK÷ J-JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!
DON'T MAKE ME BRING THE PAIN! YOU'LL REGRET IT!
"PAIN" HAS NO MEANING TO A ROBOT, RODENT.
YOU SURE, EGGMAN? LET'S TEST THAT!

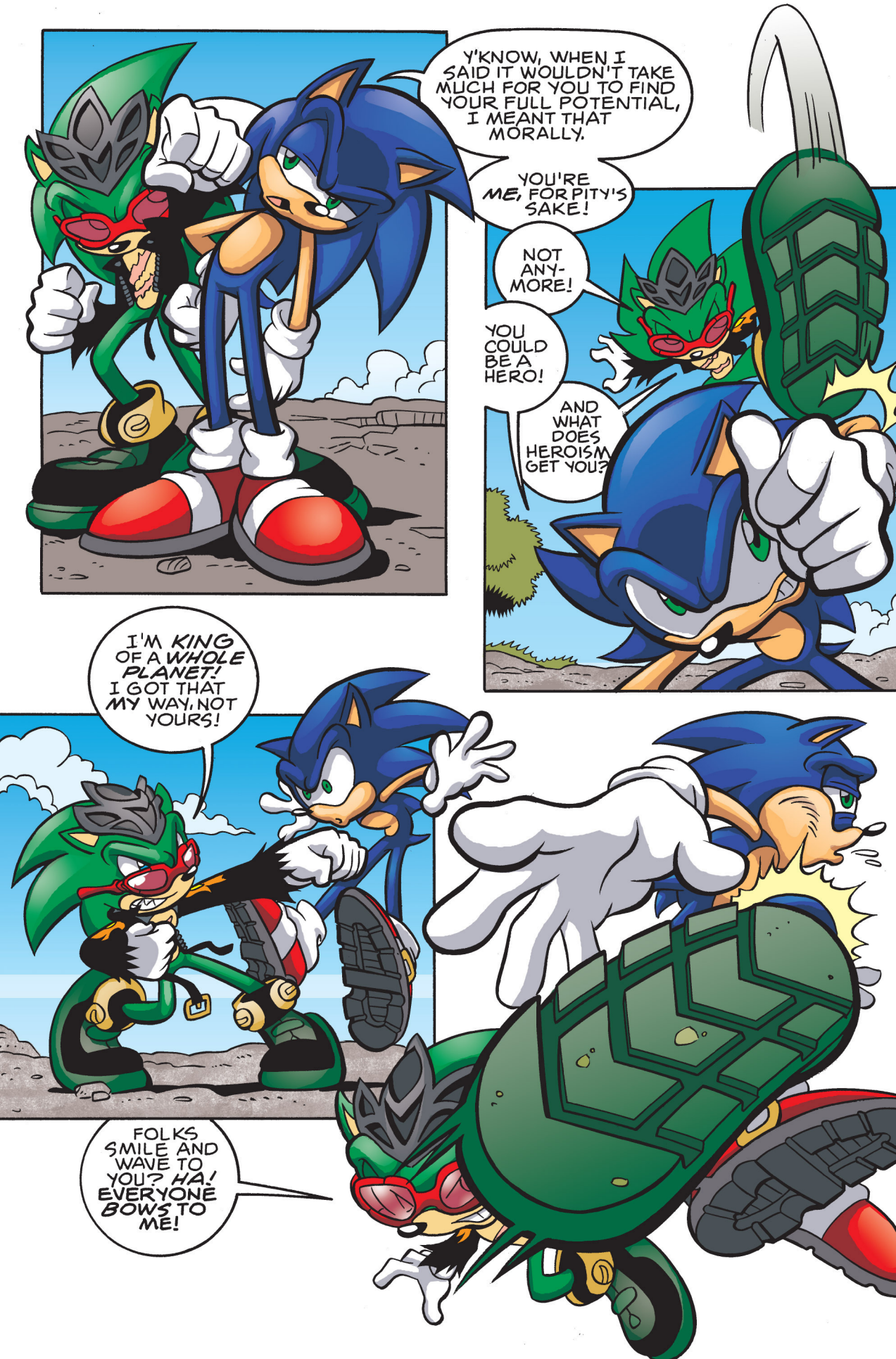

I'VE GOT DIBS ON YOU, OTHER-FAKER. HOW ABOUT ANOTHER TEMPO-RARY TRUCE?*
*LIKE IN STH #161, RIGHT?
SAVE YOUR SYMPATHY, BLUE! I'M HAPPY TO BUST TWO "SONIC" HEADS.
AS AM I!
THIS IS ALREADY GOING SO WELL...

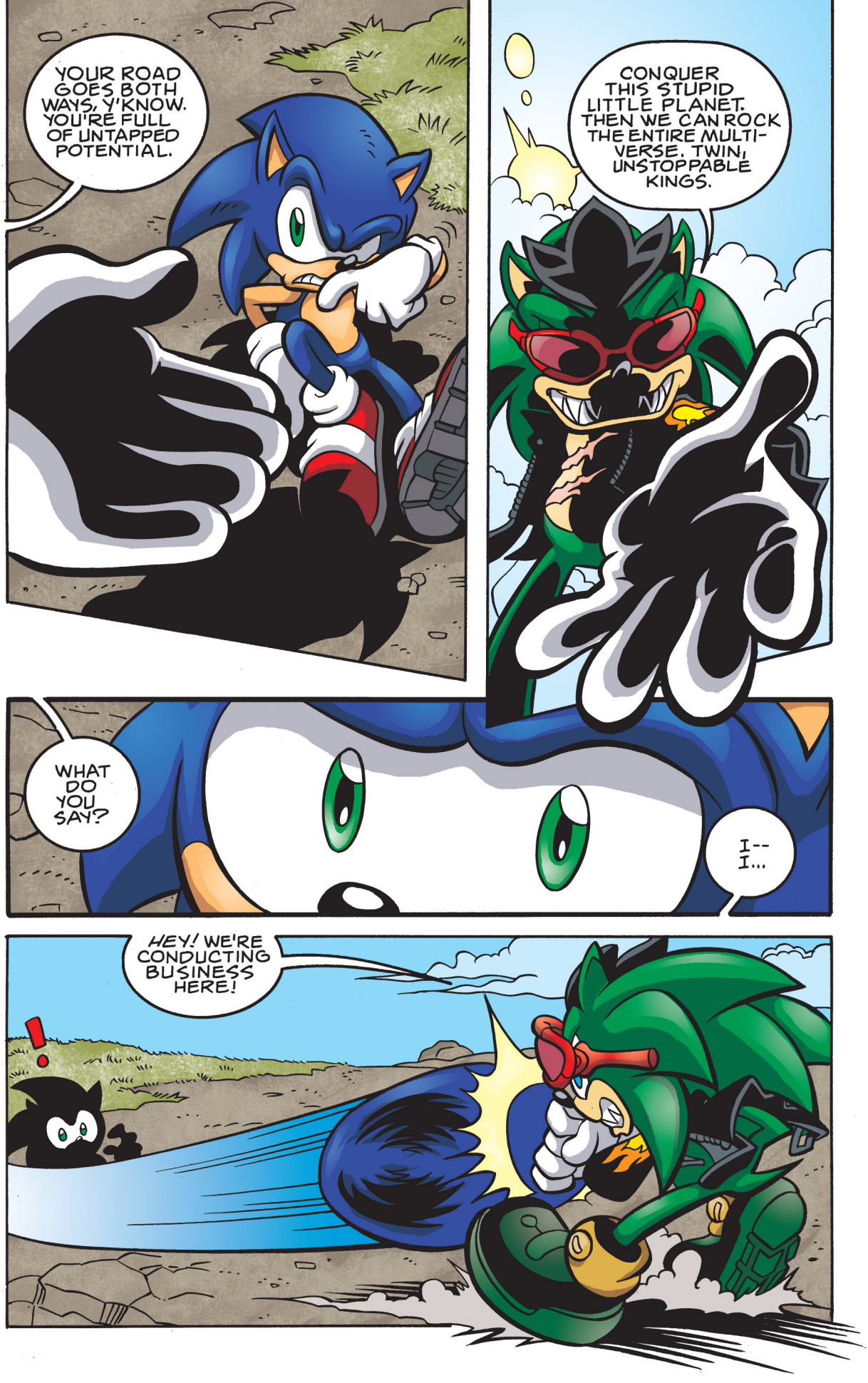

HEY.
HEY!
ARE YOU OKAY? YOU'VE GOT THAT LOOK AGAIN.
I'M FINE.
IF YOU SAY SO. HAVE YOU SEEN SONIC? EVERY-ONE'S GATHERING FOR A TACTICAL MEETING.
HE RAN OFF TO TAKE BACK FREEDOM HQ.
WHAT?! BLAST IT! WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS!
I GUESS.
AT LEAST HE CAN TRUST HIS GUT.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
I MAKE TOO MANY MISTAKES ON MY OWN. MAYBE IF I FOLLOW EVERYONE ELSE...
YOU DID THAT, TOO, YOU KNOW.

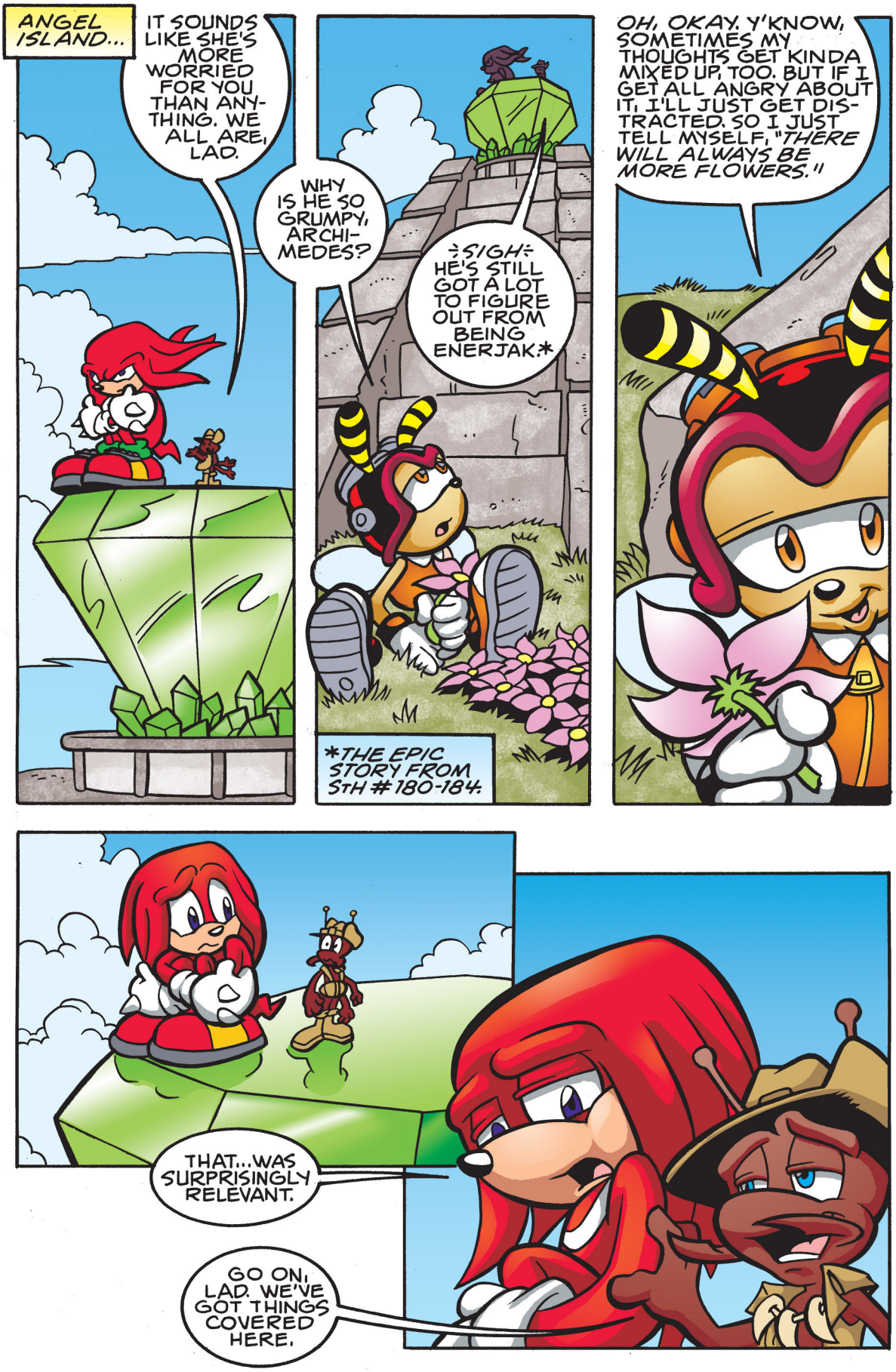

SO WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
I LISTEN TO MY DAD, AND I'M ALONE FOREVER! I LISTEN TO EVERYONE ELSE, AND I LET ANGEL ISLAND GET TORN APART! I LISTEN TO MYSELF, AND I MAKE EVERY-THING WORSE!
KNUX...
DON'T TRY TO TELL ME THAT EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT! MY DAD IS GONE! MY PEOPLE WERE ALMOST WIPED OUT! I CAN'T FACE MY MOTHER!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, AND IT'S DRIVING ME CRAZY!
KNUCKLES!

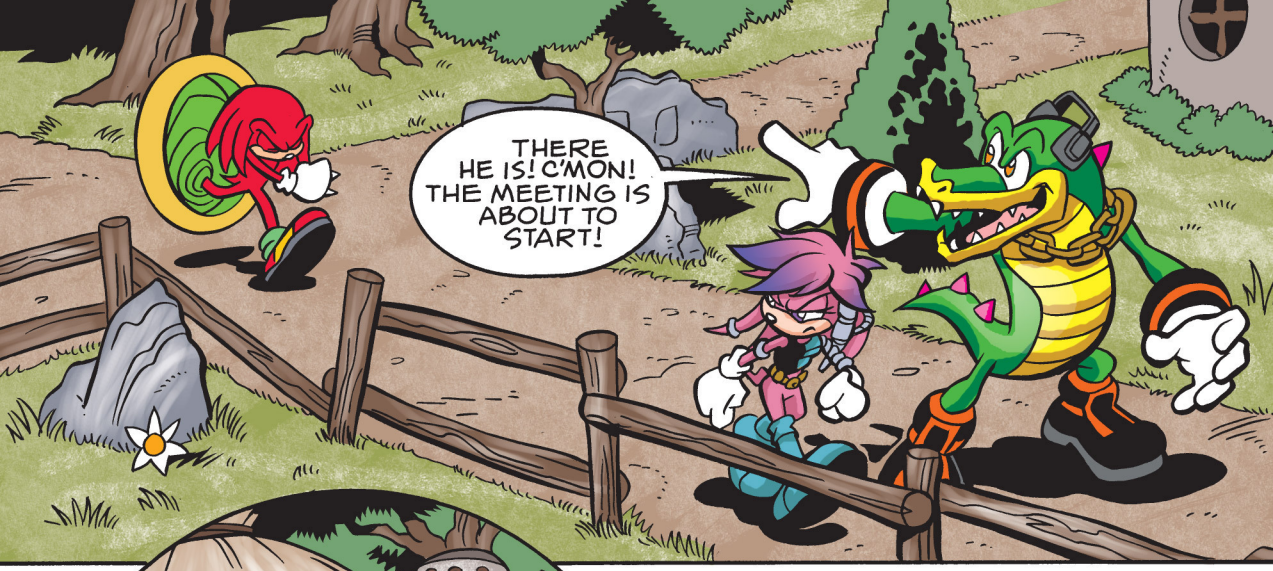

DON'T YOU DARE THINK THIS AFFECTS ONLY YOU! THEY WERE MY PEOPLE, MY HOME, AND MY FAMILY, TOO! AND WHAT'S LEFT OF MY FAMILY IS WORKING FOR ROBOTNIK!
AND IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
IT'S NOT ALL YOUR FAULT! AND SHOUTING THAT ALL THE TIME ISN'T DEALING WITH THE MATTER. IT'S RUNNING AWAY FROM IT!
YOU'RE NOT HELPING ANY-THING! I'M OUT OF HERE!
FINE! RUN BACK TO THE ISLAND, FOR ALL I CARE!
FWASH
BLAST IT, KNUCKLES. I DIDN'T MEAN TO FIGHT WITH YOU!

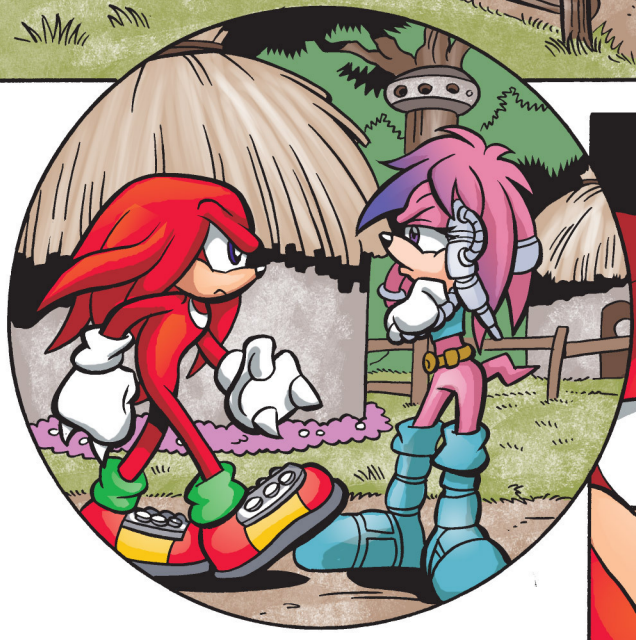
THIS WAS NOT THE FIGHT I CAME FOR TODAY!
YOU'RE JUST WHINING BECAUSE I'M KICKING YOUR...
AUGH!
POW
HANG IN THERE, METAL SONIC!
I'M PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON YOUR REINFORCE-MENTS.


Y'KNOW, WHEN I SAID IT WOULDN'T TAKE MUCH FOR YOU TO FIND YOUR FULL POTENTIAL, I MEANT THAT MORALLY.
YOU'RE ME, FOR PITY'S SAKE!
NOT ANY-MORE!
YOU COULD BE A HERO!
AND WHAT DOES HEROISM GET YOU?
I'M KING OF A WHOLE PLANET! I GOT THAT MY WAY, NOT YOURS!
FOLKS SMILE AND WAVE TO YOU? HA! EVERYONE BOWS TO ME!

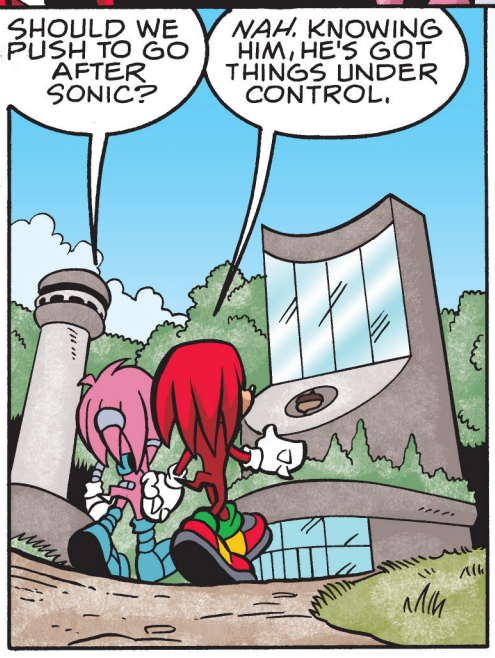

YOUR ROAD GOES BOTH WAYS, Y'KNOW. YOU'RE FULL OF UNTAPPED POTENTIAL.
CONQUER THIS STUPID LITTLE PLANET. THEN WE CAN ROCK THE ENTIRE MULTI-VERSE. TWIN, UNSTOPPABLE KINGS.
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
I-- I...
HEY! WE'RE CONDUCTING BUSINESS HERE!

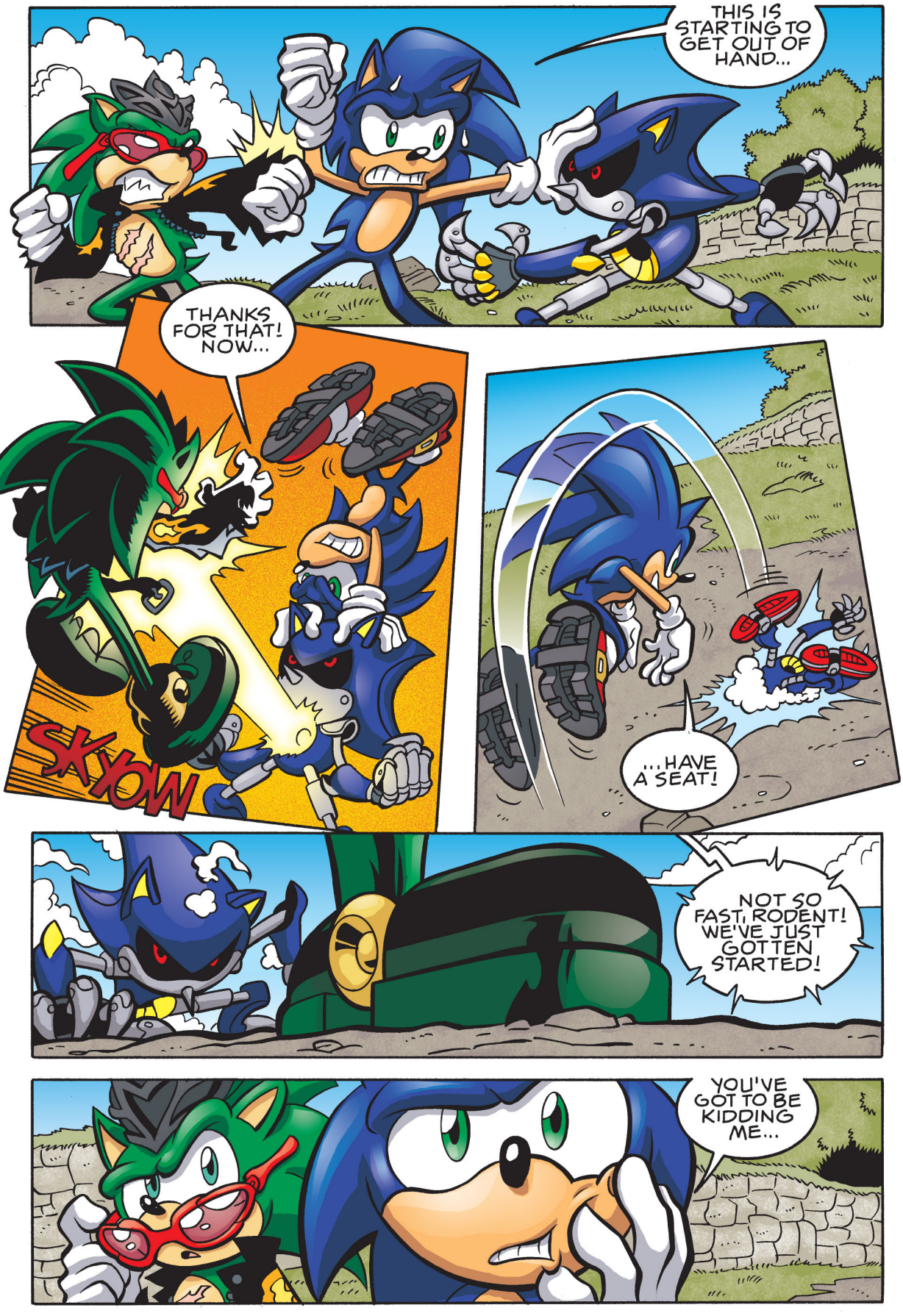

ANGEL ISLAND...
IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE'S MORE WORRIED FOR YOU THAN ANYTHING. WE ALL ARE, LAD.
WHY IS HE SO GRUMPY, ARCHIMEDES?
÷SIGH÷ HE'S STILL GOT A LOT TO FIGURE OUT FROM BEING ENERJAK.*
*THE EPIC STORY FROM STH #180-184.
OH, OKAY. Y'KNOW, SOMETIMES MY THOUGHTS GET KINDA MIXED UP, TOO. BUT IF I GET ALL ANGRY ABOUT IT, I'LL JUST GET DISTRACTED. SO I JUST TELL MYSELF, "THERE WILL ALWAYS BE MORE FLOWERS."
THAT...WAS SURPRISINGLY RELEVANT.
GO ON, LAD. WE'VE GOT THINGS COVERED HERE.

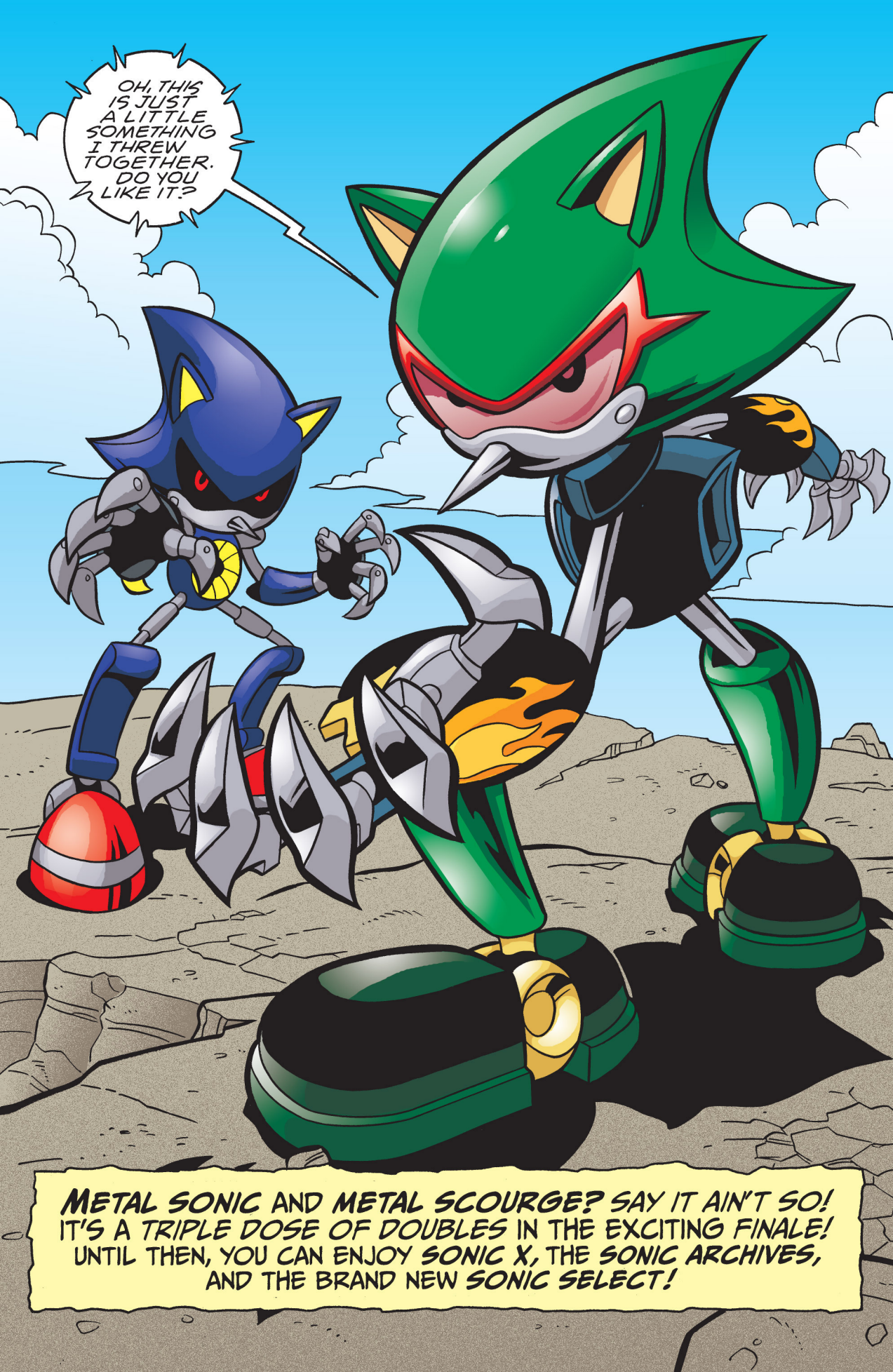

THERE HE IS! C'MON! THE MEETING IS ABOUT TO START!

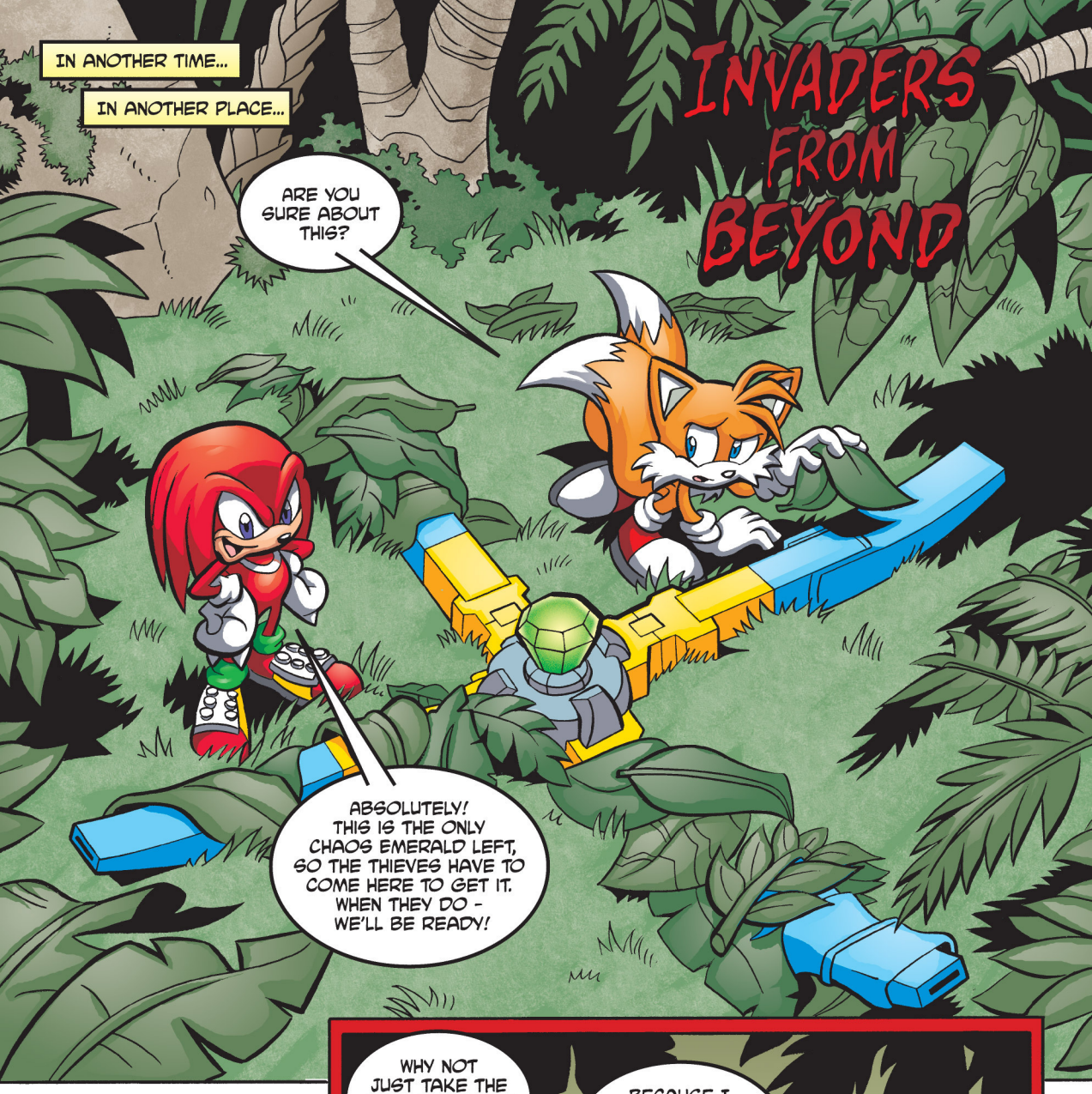


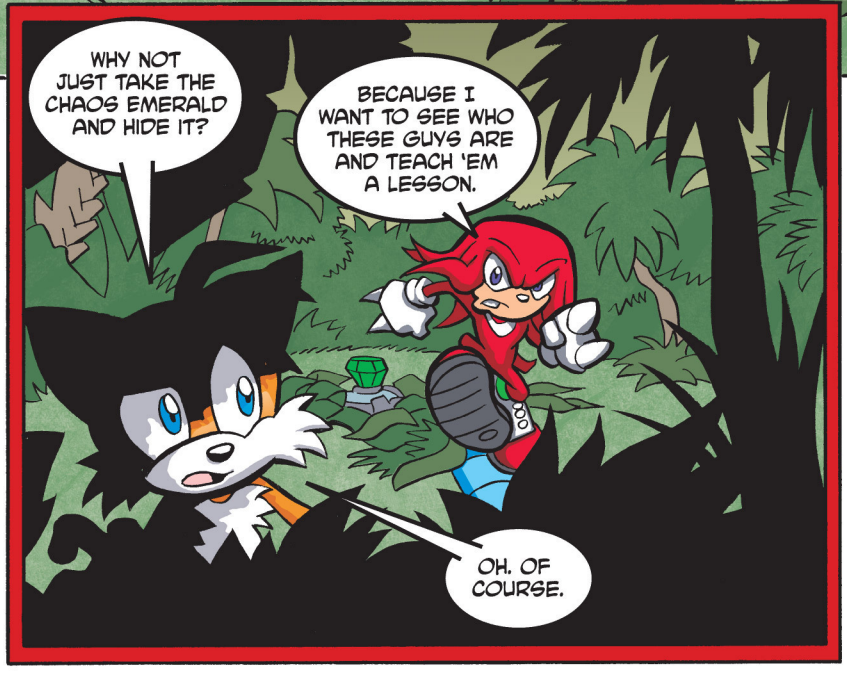
I'M MESSED UP RIGHT NOW. CAN I SAY "I'M SORRY" NOW AND WORK ON IT LATER?
SURE. I'M SORRY FOR YELLING.
OKAY.


SHOULD WE PUSH TO GO AFTER SONIC?
NAH. KNOWING HIM, HE'S GOT THINGS UNDER CONTROL.


THIS IS STARTING TO GET OUT OF HAND...
THANKS FOR THAT! NOW...
SKYOW
...HAVE A SEAT!
NOT SO FAST, RODENT! WE'VE JUST GOTTEN STARTED!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME...


OH, THIS IS JUST A LITTLE SOMETHING I THREW TOGETHER. DO YOU LIKE IT?
METAL SONIC AND METAL SCOURGE? SAY IT AIN'T SO! IT'S A TRIPLE DOSE OF DOUBLES IN THE EXCITING FINALE! UNTIL THEN, YOU CAN ENJOY SONIC X, THE SONIC ARCHIVES, AND THE BRAND NEW SONIC SELECT!


IN ANOTHER TIME...
IN ANOTHER PLACE...
INVADERS FROM BEYOND
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
ABSOLUTELY! THIS IS THE ONLY CHAOS EMERALD LEFT, SO THE THIEVES HAVE TO COME HERE TO GET IT. WHEN THEY DO - WE'LL BE READY!



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WOW! THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG!
KNUCKLES, SHHHH!
VIP!
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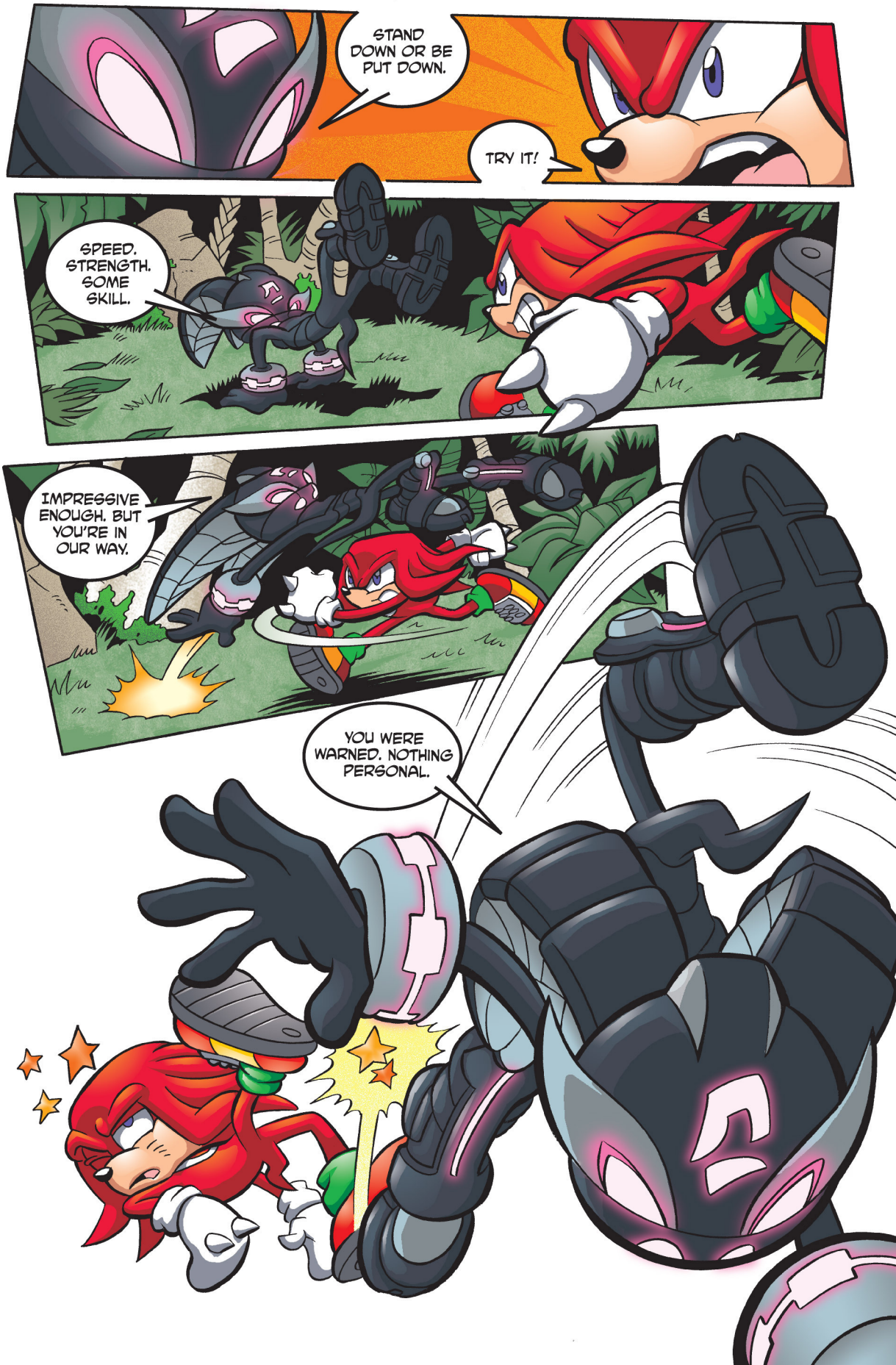
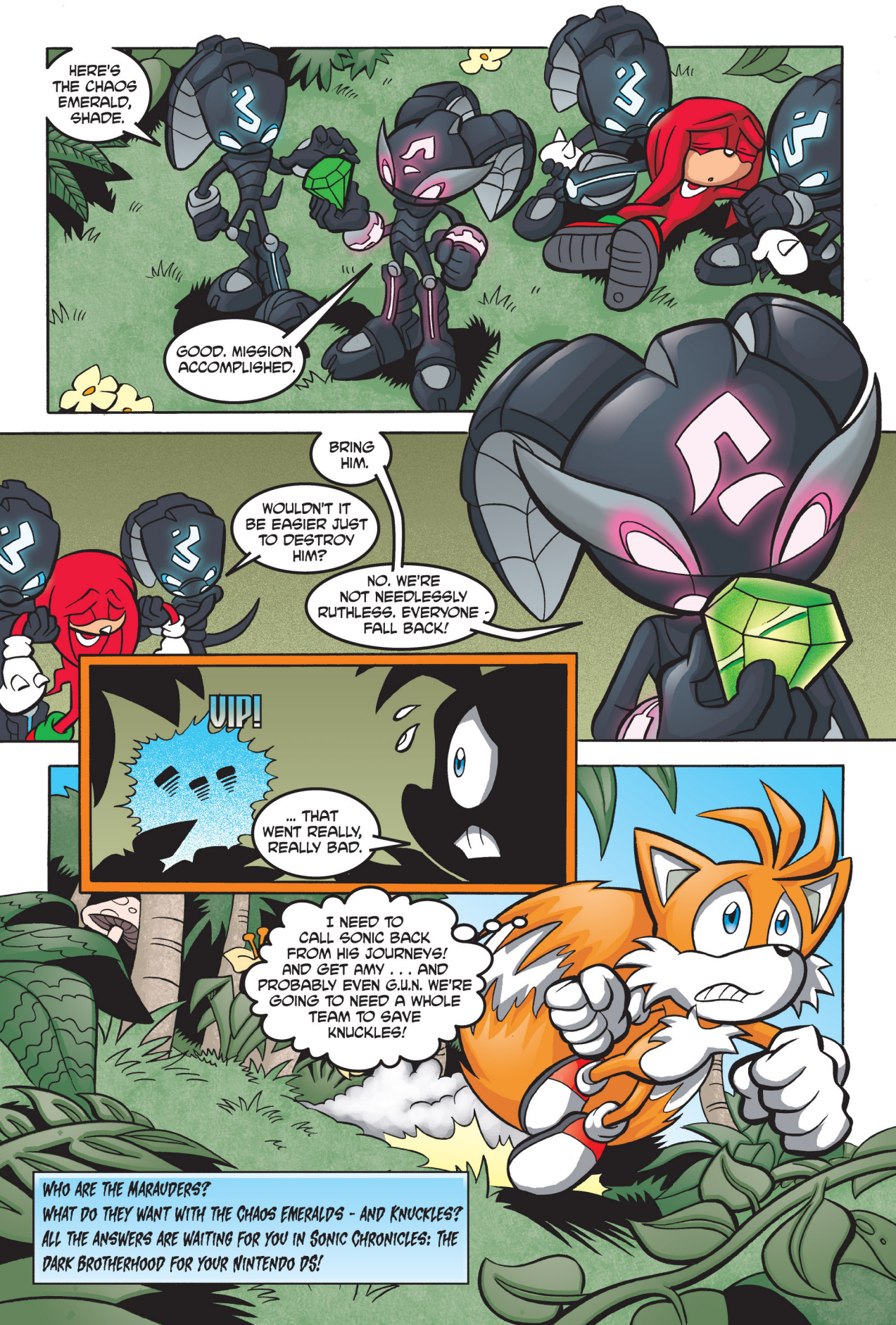
WOOSH!
YEAH, WE GOT THEM!
SEE? I TOLD YOU IT WOULD WORK!
IT ALMOST MAKES SACRIFICING THE TORNADO FOR PARTS WORTH IT.
KZZT!
KZZT!
OH NO! THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!

NO THEY'RE NOT!
VIP!
MORE OF YOU, HUH? BRING IT ON!
IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT?! IS THAT ALL?!
ENOUGH. I'LL HANDLE HIM.
LADY, I DON'T GET "HANDLED."


STAND DOWN OR BE PUT DOWN.
TRY IT!
SPEED. STRENGTH. SOME SKILL.
IMPRESSIVE ENOUGH. BUT YOU'RE IN OUR WAY.
YOU WERE WARNED. NOTHING PERSONAL.


HERE'S THE CHAOS EMERALD, SHADE.
GOOD. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.
BRING HIM.
WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER JUST TO DESTROY HIM?
NO. WE'RE NOT NEEDLESSLY RUTHLESS. EVERYONE - FALL BACK!
VIP!
... THAT WENT REALLY, REALLY BAD.
I NEED TO CALL SONIC BACK FROM HIS JOURNEYS! AND GET AMY . . . AND PROBABLY EVEN G.U.N. WE'RE GOING TO NEED A WHOLE TEAM TO SAVE KNUCKLES!
WHO ARE THE MARAUDERS?
WHAT DO THEY WANT WITH THE CHAOS EMERALDS - AND KNUCKLES?
ALL THE ANSWERS ARE WAITING FOR YOU IN SONIC CHRONICLES: THE DARK BROTHERHOOD FOR YOUR NINTENDO DS!